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**In re Patent Application of:**  
**Arnold KELLER****Application No. 10/619,179****Confirmation No. 4978****Filed: July 15, 2003****Art Unit: 3733****For: MULTI-PART CERVICAL  
ENDOPROSTHESIS WITH INSERTION  
INSTRUMENT (as amended)****Examiner: Anuradha Ramana****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2006, and prior to action on the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following claim amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.

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